

August 26, 1997

Mr. Chris Carlson  
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

I received your letter addressed to Surface Water Mitigation Interested Parties, dated August 22, 1997, today, regarding the Technical Meeting on Surface Water Mitigation for the Proposed Crandon Mine that was held on August 21, 1997 with no notice to any party but the WDNR, Crandon Mining Company (CMC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is unfortunate that this oversight occurred, especially since the first meeting on this topic was so well attended on April 29, 1997 (attended by the 3 entities above and representatives from 6 others). As I am sure this oversight was the result of too many things going on at one time and was simply just a step that got overlooked, it still is an opportunity lost for valuable input from others that may have been in attendance at this meeting. I am confident, however, that the WDNR and CMC are open for comments regarding the Surface Water Mitigation Plan throughout its development by CMC.

Your letter mentioned that a video was taken of the meeting and is available for viewing in your Rhinelander office. As Rhinelander is a long drive just to watch a video, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the video so that I and others at the EPA may keep current on the surface water mitigation issues and developments. EPA feels that the surface water mitigation topic is important and will be commenting on this issue in the future, especially as it pertains to the modeling that EPA is presently developing regarding the potential impacts of the proposed mine on the surface water in the project area.

Thank you for the meeting summary and the single handout from the meeting (Draft Conceptual Discharge Standards).

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Cozza  
Crandon Mine Project Manager  
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cc: Dave Ballman, COE